

REMARKS

The new Abstract finds support in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is believed to be added. This application is a divisional application of US Application 10/139,261, now allowed, which is a continuation of US Patent No. 6,437,373, which is a 371 of PCT/JP99/02377 filed on May 7, 1999.

Applicants submit the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. An early and favorable indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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